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Man found stabbed after carjacking

CRIME Emergency crews were called to an area near 19 Street and 18 Avenue NE around 7:15 a.m. yesterday where police said a 29-year-old man was found suffering from a stab wound to the chest.

Police said a man approached a vehicle at a stop sign at the intersection and climbed into the passenger seat, demanding money from the driver.

The man then punched the victim, stabbed him and stole the car, according to police.

The suspect is described as a man in his 40s with long grey hair and a goatee, standing five feet, 10 inches tall with a medium build and grey jacket and torn jeans

Police are looking for the vehicle — a 2009 silver Ford Focus with B.C. licence plate 153RDC.

Anyone with information is asked to call 403-266-1234.

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Stamps **Moving on**

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Calgary Stampeder Romby Bryant, bottom, celebrates his touchdown with teammate Nik Lewis during second-half CFL Western semi-final football action against the Edmonton Eskimos in Calgary yesterday. The Stampeders beat the Eskimos 24-21 and will face the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the CFL Western final next weekend. Coverage, pages 3 & 16.

Vandals hit Jewish centres

Attacks come days after Kristallnacht anniversary

CHRIS KELLY
for Metro Calgary

Anti-Semitic slogans spray-painted on two separate Jewish facilities as well as a memorial have left Calgary's Jewish community "horrified."

At some point yesterday evening, the Calgary Jewish Centre and its Holocaust War Memorial near 90th Avenue and Jerusalem Road SW were spray-painted with numerous anti-Semitic slogans, which were also found on fences and mailboxes down the street.

A Jewish facility in Woodbine was also targeted.

"This is a hate crime," said Adam Singer, community relations chair for the Calgary Jewish Centre. "And the timing is quite disturbing, coming at the time of a very sombre memorial within our community. Kristallnacht was almost 71 years ago exactly."

Kristallnacht, the Night of Shattered Glass, took place on Nov. 9, 1938. It was a co-ordinated attack on German Jews by the Hitler Youth, Gestapo, SS and SA, which led to the deaths of 99 Jews and the arrest and detainment of almost 30,000 people.

"An attack on an individual is an attack on a community, and an attack on a community is an attack on the Canadian community overall," said Singer.

"This is something that should concern all Canadians. It is an attack on Canadian values."

Calgary police are treating the incidents separately until further evidence arises. They are reviewing video surveillance from the area.

Anyone with information is urged to contact police at 403-266-1234 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

First responders hoping to access H1N1 vaccine

Flu Outbreak

TANYA VLAHOV
for Metro Calgary

HEALTH First-response groups in Calgary should have an answer today from Alberta Health Services regarding its decision to put them next in line for the H1N1 vaccine.

Tom Sampson, deputy chief of Calgary's Emergency Management Agency, said a meeting between CEMA and Alberta Health will clear up how the vaccine will be administered.

Sampson said it was challenging to determine who the high-risk groups were in the beginning and that is why first-response groups were not a priority.

"Of course we would have never wanted to jump ahead of the line in front of pregnant women or children, for instance, but we would like to be a priority sooner than later."

Since Nov. 1, several groups have been added, including people aged five to 64 as of Nov. 1 with chronic conditions, and household contacts of those who cannot be immunized, including parents and caregivers.

Also, according to the AHS website, front-line health-care workers are now eligible for the vaccine.

Both the fire and police departments, along with Calgary paramedics, respond to 20,000 calls a year, said Sampson.

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Mans sought in relation to robbery

Calgary police are looking for a man who may have information in relation to a Nov. 9 pharmacy robbery. Last week at approximately 1:15 p.m. a man entered Paragon Pharmacy in the 1900 block of Uxbridge Drive NW and went directly to the back and obtained an undisclosed amount of OxyContin, police said. METRO CALGARY

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Calgary in brief

FATALITY A man in his 40s was pronounced dead at the scene of a collision yesterday at Bow Trail and Sarcee Trail SW, police said. According to police, a Pontiac Sunfire struck a light standard on the east side of the intersection after travelling eastbound on Bow Trail. The CPS traffic section is investigating. METRO CALGARY

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Tailgaters spread out the cheer

Team jerseys not only distinctions as fans mind the grills

CHRIS KELLY
for Metro Calgary

Great plumes of smoke drifted into the cold November air around McMahon Stadium as legions of Stampeder and Eskimos fans vied for tailgating space at yesterday's CFL western semi-final.

Though team distinction wasn't the only division in the parking lot before the game as groups of tailgaters, seeming to ignore the mixing of jerseys, collected throughout the massive parking lot choosing whose burgers and chili to eat as the defining factor.

"There's the corporate guys in the southeast corner with their portable sound-systems and huge rented grills, but here's where all the real fans come," said Brett Lister who chose to mingle with the Calgarians in the southwest corner, cooking out of small barbecues from the back of their trucks.

"We wanted to put on a great spread for our clients and employees, but all are welcome to our food," said Carol Johannas, one of the cooks minding the grill supplied by Spartan Controls.

Less traditional fare was supplied in the cluster of Calgarians in the southwest corner, such as Jenny Krepinski's all-vegetarian spread.

"Everybody's been pretty accepting, there's no real difference about where you are or who you're with. We're all here to have a good time," said Krepinski, who said she did notice a heavy tilt to the southwest corner when it came to raucous cheering.

Calgary police were on hand to keep an eye on the proceedings but did not report any incidents with the crowd. GAME COVERAGE, PAGE 16

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Joseph Gardner, 12, Colten Boyle, 9, Douglas Gardner, 13, and Tristan Lecapelan, 12, all have fun playing football during tailgating at McMahon stadium before the Calgary Stampeders squared off against the Edmonton Eskimos.

License your pets with city, urges bylaw boss

Pet owner Jeremy Salomons has his animals registered with a third party, but the city's bylaw boss said it might not increase the chance of a quick reunion.

Salomons, who has his pets registered with Pet Links, didn't know that if his dogs weren't registered with the city it can become very difficult to identify them and his animals could be lost permanently, if the city crews pick them up.

"Just thinking about not being able to locate my pets because they couldn't be identified makes me upset," he said.

Having your pets registered with other companies rather than the city doesn't always cut it said Animal and Bylaw Services director Bill Bruce.

Bruce is urging pet owners to register their pets with the city, because its computerized database is available and updated frequently, allowing a lost pet to be reunited with its owner — sometimes within a matter of hours.

"A licence is an animal's ticket home," Bruce said.

"Often we run into issues when tracking pet's information because their information is not accessible through other company's records," said Bruce.

According to calgary.ca 92 per cent of dogs are licensed and 46 per cent of cats have licences. TANYA VLAHOV/ FOR METRO CALGARY

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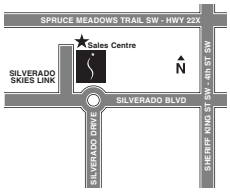

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Governments to unveil pine beetle strategy
The federal and provincial governments will announce today how they plan to combat the Mountain Pine Beetle. METRO CALGARY

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The Homes for the Games project matches visitors to Vancouver for the 2010 Games with local hosts, who put the travellers up in their own homes. Fifty per cent of the organization's proceeds will go to charities working to combat homelessness in Vancouver.

Home away from home

Homes for the Games to shelter travellers in 2010

CHRIS KELLY
for Metro Calgary

Desperate for accommodation for her party of six during the Vancouver Olympic Games, Calgarian Andrea Clements turned to the Internet at the suggestion of a friend.

She found Homes for the Games, which matches up Olympic visitors with Vancouver hosts, and found her social conscious soothed as well.

"Knowing that 50 per cent of what I pay goes to homeless charities was what sold me," said Clements. "Hotel rooms were grossly expensive, if there were any available at all, and this was a way to give back to a city which is giving so much of itself to the games."

Homes for the Games is the brainchild of Charles Montgomery, a Canadian journalist, who was compelled by the idea of involving Vancouverites in opening up their homes to out-of-town visitors and helping out charities at the same time.

"Charles and the rest of the board of directors wanted to bring an Olympic legacy of a different sort to Vancouver," said Deena Tukaryk, a board member and marketing co-ordinator for the project. "We wanted to harness the energy of the Olympics to promote a more intimate cross-cultural experience."

Fifty per cent of the proceeds are donated to either the Street to Home Foundation or Covenant House Vancouver, two charities which deal with Vancouver's sizable homeless problem.

Vancouverites who host visitors decide on specific levels of payment, amenities and breakfast options, though all living arrangements are overseen by Homes for the Games.

City talks taxes on new interactive website

CHRIS KELLY
for Metro Calgary

The mystery behind where Calgarians property tax dollars are going can now easily be solved with a new website launched by the city.

The Tax Talk website, launched on the eve of Calgary's 2010 budget discussions, is intended to "help Calgarians understand where their tax dollars go," according to a statement released by the city.

"It is an excellent tool for Calgarians to put their property tax in perspective," said Gord Lowe, chairman of the city's finance committee.

With a proposed increase of at least 4.8 per cent on property tax coming with council's budget decisions, the Tax Talk site comes at the right time to answer basic questions Calgarians may have, Lowe said: "With the ability to measure their property tax against 14 other Canadian cities, Calgarians gain an important look at how they sit in relation to the rest of the country."

The site enables Calgarians to enter the amount of property tax they pay and then breaks down that amount, dollar by dollar, into how much each citizen contributes to specific city services.

Site features

- On the Tax Talk side, Calgarians will be able to find, among other things, budgeting tips, and breakdowns on the proposed 2010 Calgary budget.

News in brief

COMMUNION Catholic communion in Calgary is being changed in light of the widespread H1N1 flu with wine no longer being given out and bread being handed to parishioners, rather than being placed directly on the tongue. Further precautions include a no-shaking rule during the sign of peace and the draining of holy water fountains. Traditionally, receiving either wine or bread constitutes a full communion for Catholics.

MENTAL HEALTH The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees is sponsoring more television ads to fight the closure of acute-care mental hospital beds. The government announced in August that it would close 246 of Alberta Hospital's 410 beds over the next one to three years. The plan is to move patients to other hospitals or to community sites as suitable beds become available. The ads began airing yesterday. METRO CALGARY

New fire house opens doors
The Calgary Fire Department, along with Deputy Mayor Jim Stevenson, celebrated the grand opening Saturday of the SkyView Ranch Fire House in northeast Calgary. METRO CALGARY

Film studio would be big boost: MLA

CHRIS KELLY
for Metro Calgary

INDUSTRY Calgary's reputation in the international film community is set to get huge boost if a proposed 75,000-square-foot production facility gets the budgeting green-light, according to Calgary MLA Lindsay Blackett.

Blackett, who is culture and community spirit minister, announced Friday that the province has reached an agreement in principle to build a state-of-the-art studio close to Canada Olympic Park.

"We have still to complete funding with the three levels of government and private-sector involvement. There's several different groups that are interested in it, so we have to do our due diligence and go through that process, but I think it's an exciting prospect," he said.

"It's an exciting prospect." MLA Lindsay Blackett

The four hectares of land set to house the studio will be purchased from WinSport Canada, which operates COP.

Projected to cost $26 million, the studio would feature a 30,000-square-foot sound stage and a 45,000-square-foot digital hub, as well as office spaces and green rooms.

Blackett said the location of the studio, next to the Trans-Canada Highway and on the way to the Rocky Mountains, is meant to take advantage of the province's scenery, which has attracted high-profile productions such as Legends of the Fall and The Assassination of Jesse James.

CPA cuts parking rates downtown

FEE Downtown drivers will get a break after the Calgary Parking Authority announced a cut to rates in the core and surrounding areas.

Effective today, the $5-per-hour rate will be cut by 20 per cent for the first half-hour and 15 per cent for the second half-hour on downtown stalls.

The $5 per hour will be in effect for the second hour.

The rates reduction will mean a drop of $1.4 million in revenue for the CPA.

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Teaching bullies how to chill

TANYA VLAHOV
for Metro Calgary

Bullies learn to chill out with ventriloquist Val Hilliker and her team of puppets as she spreads awareness and helps kids conquer bullying in a new way.

Hilliker uses her puppets and ventriloquism skills to demonstrate peaceful methods of dealing with bullies called the chill skills (chill, help and ignore), which makes it more interesting and gets the message across in a positive way.

"Not only do kids learn about the chill skills, but also how to use them effectively, so they work."

Hilliker also works with parents and teachers to find the root of the problem when a child is acting out or bullying others, because she said 90 per cent of children model behaviour they learn from parents.

During Bully Awareness Week from Nov. 15 to 21, Hilliker will visit Calgary schools to talk with kids from kindergarten to Grade 12 about bullying prevention, and what to do if it happens to them.

"Kids don't even realize they are learning because they are laughing and having so much fun watching and listening," Hilliker said.

Hilliker has been a ventriloquist for 33 years and a bully-prevention advocate for eight.

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Calgary ventriloquist Val Hilliker will be in Calgary schools this week with her anti-bullying message.

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Women off to Europe to discuss tarsands issues

Three aboriginal women from Canada are visiting the United Kingdom and Ireland as part of a 10-day tour to raise awareness around human rights issues in the Alberta tarsands, CBC News Online reported. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Teen's death prompts call for change

Members of the Eskinuopitijk First Nation band council are expressing hope for change after the death of a teenager from their community in New Brunswick, CBC News Online reports. Sixteen-year-old Hilary Bonnell, who went missing two months ago, was discovered Friday in a wooded area near the community. Coun. Curtis Bartibogue said he hopes police will continue to work with the band and would like to see more programs to help keep youth safe. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Laliberte's $35M trip to space paying off?

Press coverage worth $592M, study says

Canada's first space clown can brag that his recent trip into the cosmos generated at least 23 times more international news coverage this year than this country's mission in Afghanistan.

Guy Laliberte

At least that's according to a calculation done by a media research group hired by Guy Laliberte, the Cirque du soleil founder who recently became the country's first space tourist.

The Quebec billionaire hired Montreal-based Influence Communication to look at radio, TV, newspaper and Internet coverage from 71 countries of his cosmic voyage.

The firm has released analysis that it would have cost $592,425,679 to buy that much advertising space for Laliberte and his environmental foundation. The Cirque founder originally shelled out $35 million US for his extraterrestrial flight, suggesting a rather nifty return on investment of more than 1,500 per cent.

Laliberte blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Sept. 30, and spent 11 days travelling or aboard the International Space station.

Jean Lambert, a senior analyst at Influence, says his firm began its tracking on June 4th, the day Laliberte held a news conference to officially announce his trip.

Through mid-October, it counted approximately 41,000 reports about Laliberte and his One Drop environmental foundation.

By way of comparison, Canada's mission in Afghanistan showed up in 1,812 news items over the entire year, from January to mid-October.

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JONATHAN MONTPETIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance talks to media in Kandahar, Afghanistan last week. Under his command, Canadian troops in Afghanistan reduced their area of operation by more than half.

Small mission, big success: Vance

AFGHANISTAN The war Brig. Gen. Jonathan Vance found himself fighting was a small one.

Under his command, Canadian troops in Afghanistan reduced their area of operation by more than half. With his overstretched forces relieved this summer by a surge in American forces, Vance focused on six villages with a combined population of no more than 5,000 people.

But in those villages, Vance claims to have given momentum to a mission that was fast losing ground to insurgents in the field and critics at home.

With Canadian troops now concentrated in Kandahar city and the districts of Dand and Panjwaii, Vance ended the practice of chasing insurgents from village to village before returning to heavily fortified outposts.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

HEALTH Government labs, including the one handling samples of swine flu, struggle to keep track of viruses and bacteria, a recent audit found. The Public Health Agency of Canada document warns weak controls at federal facilities could allow harmful pathogens to go missing, or be used for less-than-scientific purposes.

SWINE FLU VACCINE Some health authorities across the country have tossed out hundreds of doses of the swine flu vaccine because of miscalculations over how many of the time-sensitive dosages are needed at community clinics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Avoid deer while driving, Winnipeggers warned

Winnipeggers are being told to avoid deer by Manitoba's Conservation Department, as many of the animals are being spotted roaming inside the city during mating season, CBC News Online reports. An average of 1,600 collisions with wildlife are reported each November. METRO NEWS SERVICES

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks with Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah as the leaders wait for the closing statement at the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-Operation Summit in Singapore yesterday.

APEC not backing climate deal

SUMMIT Global climate change negotiators are bogged down in minutiae and need to step back and look at the big picture, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

His comments came as leaders of the 21-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation summit — who represent almost two thirds of global greenhouse gas emissions — officially put a bullet in any hopes for an international breakthrough at next month's UN climate conference in Denmark.

Harper was just one of several leaders who emerged from a breakfast meeting yesterday dedicated to the climate issue to say no deal will be reached in Copenhagen.

The prime minister said there was "a pretty strong consensus at the meeting this morning that countries of the world remain a long way from a binding, legal treaty on climate change."

Harper noted that there are some 3,000 "bracketed pieces of text" in the Copenhagen working document — diplomatic-speak for areas that need further negotiation.

"I don't think that can be attributed to any one country," he said. "There obviously are significant areas of disagreement."

Climate was not expected to dominate this summit on the 20th anniversary of APEC's founding, but as the last major summit before the United Nations convenes in December the issue infused discussions on global economy and trade.

The chair of the UN climate conference, Danish Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen, flew to Singapore to salvage what he could, pitching APEC leaders on the notion of a "politically binding" deal that could be fleshed out later with legal language at another conference next year in Mexico.

Even that watered down objective could only muster a "fair consensus" among APEC leaders, according to Harper.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

PTSD over-diagnosed in Canada, study says

Psychiatrist says situation costing millions

A new study suggests post-traumatic stress disorder is being over-diagnosed in Canada and the western world — a potentially costly situation that could lead to skyrocketing disability claims.

It's a viewpoint that flies in the face of popular opinion as more and more soldiers returning from Afghanistan and Iraq struggle to re-integrate.

Western nations, including Canada, have proactively rejected old stereotypes in an effort to improve services for those grappling with the psychological trauma of war.

"Many cases of PTSD are not the pure cases but just acute reactions to stress, depression or anxiety disorders."
Dr. Amin Muhammad

But Memorial University psychiatrist Dr. Amin Muhammad warns Canada could face a "huge economic burden" if mental health professionals aren't more cautious about diagnosing the condition.

The study's principal author argues PTSD is complex, not fully understood by clinicians and therefore difficult to disprove once the label is given.

"Many cases of PTSD are not the pure cases but just acute reactions to stress, depression or anxiety disorders," he said.

The Newfoundland-based psychiatrist began looking into the matter after more and more patients — many of them Canadian Forces veterans — started asking him to sign disability claim forms.

His study is based on his own experience, those of his colleagues and the vast amount of literature that currently exists about PTSD. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Parizeau pens book in attempt to boost Quebec sovereignty

DEBATE Jacques Parizeau wants to breathe new life into the sovereignty debate.

The still influential former premier argues in a new book coming out today that Quebec independence is necessary in an increasingly globalized world.

He says that as economies, communications and cultures become more tightly integrated, the role of the nation state becomes more relevant.

"In the face of the potential threats, abuses and diversions — beyond the indisputable advantages — posed by globalization, a citizen only has one protection: The state," he writes in La Souveraineté du Quebec: Hier, aujourd'hui et demain.

It is to be published in English next year as An Independent Quebec, the past, the present and the future.

Parizeau says he put pen to paper in order to help rejuvenate the sovereignist movement.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

PARKS Parks Canada wants to lure more people into national parks by making camping and visits friendlier to families, city slickers and new Canadians. New statistics show an overall drop of nine per cent in attendance at national parks since the 2007-08 season.

STIMULUS Analyses by The Canadian Press and others suggest the $16-billion stimulus plan heavily favours Tory ridings. At the same time, the funding has no direct correlation with high unemployment. In just seven months, the federal government says, it has committed $7.5 billion to infrastructure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'Mummy' robs store

A man with his head wrapped up like a mummy is being sought by Saskatoon police following an armed robbery Saturday night, CBC News Online reports. The culprit is described as a white male. Police say his entire head was wrapped in white "hospital type bandages," and that only his eyes were visible. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Flood watch issued in southwestern B.C. as storm closes in

ELEMENTS Heavy rains deluging British Columbia's south coast and parts of Vancouver Island have prompted the provincial Environment Ministry to warn residents to be on the lookout for flooding along the region's rivers.

A so-called pineapple express storm was moving into the region yesterday, with between 80 and 200 millimetres of rain expected to fall by today and continuing through to tomorrow. The province's River Forecast Centre issued a flood watch — the least severe of the centre's flood advisories — for the southern half of Vancouver Island, the Sea-to-Sky region including Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton, and the Vancouver area.

Environment Minister Barry Penner said residents should take steps to mitigate potential flooding by ensuring storm drains are clear and keep informed of the latest watches and warnings.

"At this point there's no reason to be unduly alarmed."
Barry Penner, B.C. environment minister

But he said the weather isn't out of the ordinary for the region at this time of year.

"At this point, there's no reason to be unduly alarmed," Penner said in an interview yesterday.

"We have these kinds of weather patterns ever so often where we get some early winter snow in the mountains followed by a pineapple express. What has caught our attention for this weather system is the amount of moisture that it appears to be packing."

A pineapple express describes a flow of moist, sub-tropical air from Hawaii that can cause extreme rainfall, according to Environment Canada's website. At the same time, the warning air also melts more snow.

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New Brunswick **Late funeral**

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The coffin carrying the remains of Gladys Winifred Fowler rests as her niece Jane Fowler Morse and nephew John Fowler pay their respects in Hammondvale, N.B., yesterday. Fowler died in 1917 at the age of 18 in London. Her coffin was placed in a packing crate and stored beneath an Anglican Chapel — apparently for later transport to Canada — but that didn't happen. The coffin was returned to Canada after it was discovered earlier this year.

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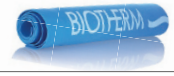

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Legal wrangling slows deal for N.L. hydro project

A multimillion-dollar deal to win aboriginal support critical to the development of Labrador's Lower Churchill hydro megaproject is beset by delays, an Innu Nation leader says.

Days after Premier Danny Williams said the agreement was near completion, deputy grand chief Peter Penashue said legal wrangling has slowed ratification of the Tsash Petapen or New Dawn Agreement.

The contentious offer has split this hard-scrabble Innu community near Happy Valley-Goose Bay and has left Penashue's own family at odds as his mother passionately campaigns against the proposal.

And there's no resolution in sight.

The package that Innu leaders and the provincial government announced as a near-done deal on Sept. 26, 2008, still needs approval from Ottawa, Penashue said.

"At one point we were looking at splitting the agreement" into provincial and federal areas of jurisdiction, he said.

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Vote

- A ratification vote for the Innu community of about 2,500 people was initially slated for early in 2009. That ambitious goal was missed, and the vote has been repeatedly put off.

News in brief

ENVIRONMENT The City of Charlottetown is cutting back on its use of road salt this year and switching to a more environmentally friendly way to keep people from slipping on the ice at Victoria Park, CBC News Online reports. City crews will spread volcanic ash granules along the boardwalk and walking trails, according to recreation manager Sue Hendricken. The product, called EcoTraction, won't melt the ice like salt does, but the green granules of volcanic rock will stick to the ice and provide traction, Hendricken said.

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H1N1 When Santa comes to town this holiday season, he's got a message for parents: Ho-Ho-Hold your children at home if they've got swine flu. With H1N1 a concern as shopping malls across the country erect castles and villages for photos with Santa, some are taking precautions to avoid spreading the virus. Santa's helpers will be on hand with hand-sanitizer and wipes in many venues, and the big man himself may carry extra pairs of gloves. But public health officials also stress there's no need to jingle alarm bells — sitting tots on Santa's knee is no more risky than sending them to school or daycare.

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Woman charged with theft by deception after allegedly faking cancer
Authorities say a Texas woman lied about having breast cancer and spent $10,000 raised at a benefit to have her breasts enlarged. McLennan County sheriff's investigator James Pack says in court records that 24-year-old Trista Joy Lathern shaved her head to look like a cancer patient undergoing chemotherapy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Iran's first lady gives speech on hunger

Iran's first lady has made a rare public appearance and even more rare, a speech, at a Rome forum on the eve of a UN summit to fight hunger. The wife of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad almost never appears in public with her husband and is believed never to have addressed a public gathering. Azam al-Sadat Farahi, left, came to a forum of wives of heads of state yesterday. The summit on strategy to fight world hunger begins today at the Rome headquarters of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Call-girl blogger ID's herself

U.K. A British scientist says she is Belle de Jour, the anonymous blogger whose accounts of life as a call girl were turned into books and a TV series. Brooke Magnanti was quoted by the Sunday Times as saying she decided to reveal her secret because she was afraid an ex-boyfriend would expose her. Magnanti, 34, is a child health researcher at the University of Bristol. She told the newspaper she turned to the sex trade in 2003 while finishing her Ph.D. She blogged about the experience in the guise of Belle de Jour, which formed the basis of three books and the British TV series, Secret Diary of a Call Girl. Magnanti said on her blog she was relieved "to be able to defend what my experience of sex work is like to all the skeptics and doubters." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apologies for child migrants

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologized yesterday to thousands of impoverished British children shipped to Australia in past centuries with the promise of a better life, only to suffer abuse and neglect thousands of miles from home.

At a ceremony in the capital of Canberra attended by tearful former child migrants, Rudd apologized for his country's role in the migration and extended condolences to the 7,000 survivors of the program who still live in Australia.

"We are sorry," Rudd said. "Sorry that as children you were taken from your families and placed in institutions where so often you were abused. Sorry for the physical suffering, the emotional starvation and the cold absence of love, of tenderness, of care. Sorry for the tragedy — the absolute tragedy — of childhoods lost."

The apology comes one day after the British government said Prime Minister Gordon Brown would apologize for child migrant programs that sent as many as 150,000 poor British children as young as three to Australia, Canada and other former colonies over three and a half centuries.

The programs, which ended 40 years ago, were intended to provide the children with a new start — and the British Empire with a supply of workers. But many children ended up in institutions where they were physically and sexually abused, or were sent to work as farm labourers.

A 1998 British parliamentary inquiry noted that "a further motive was racist: the importation of 'good white stock' was seen as a desirable policy objective in the developing British Colonies." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

CHINA Plans to raise the water level behind China's massive Three Gorges dam to full capacity this month — which would mark the symbolic culmination of the decades-old project — have stalled amid a worsening drought and reports of increased landslide risks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. President Barack Obama looks on while his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev shakes hands with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on the sidelines of the APEC summit in Singapore yesterday.

U.S., Russia agree to arms reduction

SINGAPORE U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday the United States and Russia would have a replacement treaty on reducing nuclear arms ready for approval by year's end, an announcement designed as an upbeat ending to a summit with Asia-Pacific leaders.

While publicizing progress with Russia on arms control — part of Obama's agenda to advance nuclear disarmament — the president and other leaders bowed to the obvious on climate change. They discussed a compromise agreement for a 192-nation gathering next month in Copenhagen, indirectly admitting that the meeting would not produce a new global treaty to reduce the heat-trapping carbon emissions that are warming the planet.

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Number of nuclear warheads the U.S. and Russia agreed to each reduce to during a summit last July.

Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev met on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific summit of APEC nations to announce good progress in negotiations on an updated pact to replace the START nuclear arms agreement that expires on Dec. 5. Sitting, gesturing and leaning toward his Russian counterpart, Obama said the pair discussed a successor to the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty and described "excellent progress over the last several months."

"I'm confident that if we work hard and with a sense of urgency, we'll be able to get that done," Obama said, adding technical issues remain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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El Salvador says almost 200 killed in floods, landslides

El Salvadoran authorities say at least 192 people were killed by floods and landslides that swept through the country last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASA lets in tweeps

Twitterers given rare access to shuttle launch

Fingers will be flying when space shuttle Atlantis blasts off today: About 100 of NASA's geekiest fans will be on hand, pecking away at iPhones, BlackBerrys, laptops and other Twittering gadgets.

They plan to let loose with electronic messages — provided they aren't so swept away by the afternoon liftoff that they fall uncharacteristically silent for a moment or two.

The tweeps, as they're called, represent 21 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia, as well as five countries.

NASA estimates the 100 have more than 150,000 Twitter followers. It's a dream outreach program for a space agency looking to drum up support.

"I'll be uploading stuff as it happens," promised Steve Wake, 38, a computer programmer who flew in from Denver. "On launch day, who knows? I may be too excited about everything else to even think about doing that stuff. When it's over with, I'm sure I will."

For the first time ever, NASA last month invited its Twitter followers to sign up online for the chance to see a space shuttle launch up close.

The 100 slots — and 50 backup positions — filled in less than 20 minutes on Oct. 16.

The two-day gathering got underway yesterday at Kennedy Space Center with talks by NASA officials, including the first Twittering astronaut, Michael Massimino, aka Astro-Mike. The discussions were streamed live on the Internet, and the "tweetup" gathering was near the top of Twitter's trending topics yesterday morning.

Astronauts have been tweeting from Earth and orbit since spring. While NASA already has held a few of the tweetups — so-called meet ups of people who use Twitter — it's the first for Kennedy Space Center, a high-security area requiring government clearance.

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Tweets from space

- Follow astronaut Robert Satcher Jr. as he blasts off into orbit today at twitter.com/ZeroG_MD. For reports from the ground, follow Steve Wake at twitter.com/stevewake

News in brief

ITALY Police captured one of Sicily's top Mafia fugitives yesterday, dealing a stiff blow to the island's Cosa Nostra crime syndicate, Italian officials said. Convicted mobster Domenico Raccuglia, who has been on the run for 15 years, now faces several life sentences for crimes including the murder of a rival's nine-year-old son, whose body was then thrown into a vat of acid. Raccuglia is considered the No. 2 member of the organized crime group, and is listed as one of Italy's 30 most dangerous fugitives.

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Fire at South Korean target range kills 10
South Korean officials yesterday investigated the cause of a fire that raced through an indoor shooting gallery, killing 10 people including eight Japanese tourists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allied forces push into hostile Afghan valley

Hundreds of French and Afghan troops yesterday pushed into a hostile valley in eastern Afghanistan where militants launch quick attacks, then disappear into hillside villages. The mission: secure the area for a planned bypass road around the Afghan capital to move supplies from neighbouring Pakistan.

About 700 French troops, joined by 100 Afghan soldiers, moved into the Tagab valley before dawn with more than 100 armoured vehicles. U.S. and French attack helicopters roared overhead as insurgent snipers fired from the roofs of houses onto the advancing column of vehicles, according to a reporter for The Associated Press travelling with the French troops.

NATO forces have bases in the wide-bottomed valley, but they have had difficulty securing the mountainous area connected by small footpaths.

Just 50 kilometres from Kabul, the valley is seen as a launching pad for attacks in the capital.

In a neighbouring valley last year, militants killed 10 French troops.

"The objective is to clear the valley to be able to build the road, and checkpoints financed by the European Union," said Col. Francis Chanson, head of France's 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment.

The offensive, called "Operation Avalon," was led by the 3rd Marine Infantry Regiment, with elements of the 2nd Infantry Regiment of the French Foreign Legion.

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News in brief

ROME A UN agency says a deal has been reached with the Islamic Development Bank for $1 billion US in funding to help develop agriculture in poor countries. The announcement comes on the eve of a UN summit in Rome to fight hunger worldwide. The three-day summit starting today promotes an approach that UN officials say is vital to slashing the number of hungry people. The strategy envisions helping farmers in poor countries to grow enough food to feed their own people and reduce developing countries' reliance on food aid.

ELECTION Kosovo's first independent elections have ended peacefully, with the prime minister claiming his party won convincingly and some minority Serbs ignoring a call to boycott and casting ballots alongside ethnic Albanians. Preliminary results were expected later today. Hours after polls closed, Kosovo Prime Minister Hashim Thaci claimed his party won in 20 of the 36 municipalities.

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City's blurry vision

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I'm not an accountant and I'm no math wizard, but I've noticed some pretty big numbers being thrown around lately — spending on roads amidst talk of cutting services. I'm hoping most consider this important. Sure, the money's all coming from separate budgets, different logic is applied to each decision and no doubt there's justification for all sides. But I wonder sometimes, do we have our priorities straight?

First off, let's look at some of Calgary's major road projects. The north ring road was just completed for $1 billion. The southeast portion (Stoney Trail from 17 Avenue SE to the 22x) will cost another $1 billion. The southwest portion is getting fast tracked with a signed deal anticipated by the end of this month — price tag yet to be determined. A tunnel under the new airport runway is in the works with $50 million committed from the city and total costs ranging from $50 million to $500 million, with the first phase coming in around $125 million according to Ald. Jim Stevenson. And that's just a shortlist of the latest big projects.

"It seems unbalanced that we should pave new roads while health and education take a hit."

Meanwhile, federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty announced a $55.9 billion budget shortfall and the provincial deficit is somewhere between $6.9 billion to $.9 billion. The Alberta Teacher's Association is anticipating the province will cut $340 million from the education budget. Alberta Health Services is dealing with a $1.1 billion deficit for this fiscal year and an additional $1 billion deficit for 2010.

It seems unbalanced that we should pave new roads while health and education take a hit.

I'm not suggesting it's necessarily economically wise to sink into an infrastructure deficit. The ring road is creating efficiencies for truckers and commuters, and that's likely saving money. An airport tunnel might include dedicated transit lanes and would ensure more than one routing to and from the airport.

But are there really no other, more budget-friendly options for our current transportation dilemmas?

Surely if education and health care are having to sharpen their pencils, our appetite for and spending on world class roads should likewise be suppressed. Roads serve only cars and require ongoing costly maintenance. Education and health are investments that pay back in dividends.

Over 400 people attended what was described as a "raucous rally" demanding funding for an airport tunnel last week and it all makes me wonder if we've lost sight of what really matters.

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Views

Try aiming for an A in life

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Buddhist wisdom says, "All human beings want the same thing, we are just going about it in different ways."

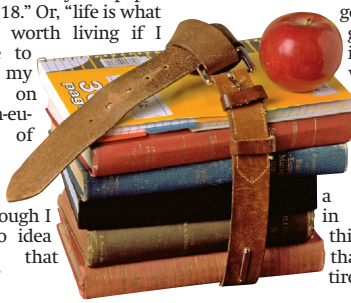
This is true. So long as what every human wants is to make it through the next three weeks without losing their minds or drinking enough caffeine to wake a rock.

Otherwise, it's only me who wants that.

As regular readers know, I'm presently enrolled as a full-time university student.

And, for students, the next three weeks are Crunch Time. Anyone who has ever been in school will remember that Crunch Time refers to "the period during which you realize your life has gone right down the pooper because suddenly, the fact that school libraries are open 24 hours a day seems like a really good thing."

If asked to define my life at this moment I'd say, "Life is what will begin again after I hand in my last paper on Dec. 18." Or, "life is what will be worth living if I manage to pass my course on Hermeneutics of Pauline Response, even though I have no idea what that means."



Really, I ought to have a more thoughtful view of existence. After all, I've spent the last eight years studying theology.

Theology loosely defined means, "The study of the thing we call God, though not everyone calls it that, some people call it "a nice walk on a sunny day" and anyway we can't really know anything about it, but hey, why not pony up several thousands of dollars to get a degree in it anyway?"

It's not insane to get a degree in something that's entirely incomprehensible. Think of students taking bio-physics or women's studies.

I think what I've learned through years of studying Christian theology is this: The Buddhists are right. We do all want the same things. And neither of them, really, are an A in Biblical history or a pass in choir. What we want is to feel loved and valued. And maybe, during the Crunch Times of life, that has to start with ourselves.

So, I'm putting down my essays for an hour. I'm treating myself to a walk in the miraculous November sunshine.

Will it improve my school marks? Probably not. But I'm aiming for something higher. I'm going for an A in life.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Worth mentioning

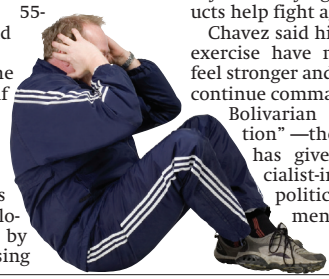
The Chavez plan

Call it the Bolivarian battle of the bulge.

President Hugo Chavez said in a televised speech Friday that "there are lots of fat people" in Venezuela and advised his supporters to exercise and eat healthy to trim their waistlines.

"I'm not saying fat women, because they never get fat," he added. "Women sometimes fill out."

The 55-year-old leader said he himself has lost nearly 20 pounds (9 kilograms) by exercising and eating a healthy diet. But Chavez, who still appears heavier than when he first took office in 1999, acknowledged that he could lose a few more pounds (kilograms).



"Doing sit ups," he said. "Eating well. One has to learn how to eat."

Chavez suggested rice pasta instead of spaghetti made from wheat, and recommended drinking soy milk, saying soy products help fight aging.

Chavez said his diet and exercise have made him feel stronger and "ready to continue commanding the Bolivarian Revolution" —the name he has given his socialist-inspired political movement.

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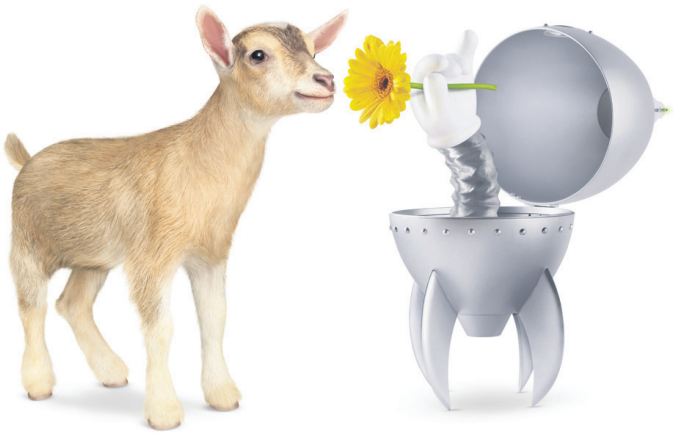

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Markets watch U.S. retail sales

The latest reading on consumer spending activity in the United States will likely set the tone for trading on stock markets this week.

U.S. retail sales for October will be released today and economists expect to see a rise of 0.9 per cent following a drop of 1.5 per cent during September.

"It looks like that's going to be the big one," said Colin Cieszynski, market analyst at CMC Markets Canada.

Stock markets ended last week higher for a second consecutive week, largely on investor relief from indications that U.S. interest rates will stay low for an extended period. Markets were also lifted by last weekend's G20 meeting where leaders made it clear that government stimulus measures will not disappear any time soon.

But critical to that growth on markets has been the hope that the end of the recession will be followed by a strong recovery.

While retail sales are important in any economy, they're particularly important in the United States where consumer spending accounts for about 70 per cent of the economy.

0.9 % Economists expect that U.S. retail sales for October will show a rise of 0.9 per cent. This follows a drop of 1.5 per cent during September.

And there are searing memories of what happens when consumer strength collapses.

"When the U.S. consumer got tapped out, that was one of the big things that led to the collapse of the housing market and that dragged down the whole banking system with it," observed Cieszynski. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Permit for Canadian mine revoked

GOLD Mexico revoked the environmental authorization Friday for a Canadian-owned open-pit gold mine that critics say threatens one of the most historic sites in the north-central state of San Luis Potosi.

The Environment Department said that it has pulled the permit for Minera San Xavier, a property of Vancouver-based New Gold Inc., in accordance with a court ruling in October.

The ruling struck down the government's 2006 conditioned approval of the project's environmental impact statement, and ordered environmental authorities to reject the statement. Opponents welcomed the decision. They say local watersheds were threatened. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Impact
- The impact of the revocation was unclear as New Gold said it will continue operating despite the court decision.

Magma reports Q1 losses

ENERGY Magma Energy Corp., a Vancouver-based geothermal energy producer, reports it lost nearly $2.7 million US or one cent a share in the fiscal first quarter ended Sept. 30. That compared with a loss of $829,860 or one cent for the same year earlier period.

Revenues from energy sales were just over $1 million in the quarter, the first three-month period of the energy producer's 2010 fiscal year, the company reported. Magma generated no operating revenue for the same period a year earlier. Ross Beaty, chairman and CEO, said Magma grew quickly in the latest quarter, with acquisitions in Iceland, Nevada and a promising exploration success in South America, as well as the company's initial public offering.

"These transactions will all help us achieve our mission of becoming one of the world's pre-eminent geothermal power producing companies," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In brief

INTERNET Egypt will apply for the first Internet domain written in Arabic, its information technology minister said at a conference grouping Yahoo's co-founder and others to discuss boosting online access in emerging nations. The effort is part of a broader push to expand both access and content in developing nations, where the Internet remains out of reach for many people.

COMMUNICATIONS Vivendi SA is set to take control of Brazilian telecommunications operator GVT SA after trumping a rival offer from Spain's Telefonica SA. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Indonesia booting out Greenpeace activists
Indonesian authorities said on the weekend they would deport 11 foreign Greenpeace activists for joining a protest against forest destruction and violating their tourist visas. The activists sought to draw attention to the destruction of peatland forests. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going Green

Eco-footwear
Wyclef Jean, left, is teaming with Timberland on the development of an eco-conscious footwear collection under the Earthkeepers line. The footwear is made from recycled and organic materials.
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Ad-ded value

BANNERS Today's fast paced consumer economy often leaves little or no time to think about the environment, says Javier Serrano

"I found this curious connection between marketing and pollution, and decided to bank on it," adds the founder of Hong Kong-based accessories line Eco Couture.

Serrano, who grew up and trained as a weaver and sculptor in Madrid, Spain, has found a way to reuse advertising banners — which can take 75 years to disintegrate — and turn them into unique wallets and bags.

"So many luxurious brands use advertising billboards in Hong Kong. It's an in-and-out process; they are up for a couple of days, maybe even overnight and then are dumped across landfills in China."

Eco Couture uses these ad banners to create its accessory range. The banners are generally made from vinyl, a thick, durable and waterproof material. No other material is added to the original and waste is minimal, remaining bits and pieces are turned into zipper pullers or labels.

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On the web
- To see more of Javier Serrano's Eco Couture creations, visit ecocouture.hk

Slam dunk junk

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News

Swapped your clunky old mobile for an iPhone? Your boxy PC for a notebook? Don't throw them out — drop them off on junk artist Gabriel Dishaw's doorstep.

"I take the items people no longer have use for and I carefully disassemble these items and then reassemble them using metal wire creating my junk art," says the 29-year-old artist from Carmel, Ind., who makes sculptures from discarded materials.

"I begin each sculpture with an idea of how can I take these found pieces of useless metal and insignificant objects and create something that everyone can understand and relate to. I find myself looking at ordinary mechanical items to see how I could turn that something, into something else not originally intended for that use," he said.

To see more of Gabriel Dishaw's junk art creations, visit gabriel dishaw.com

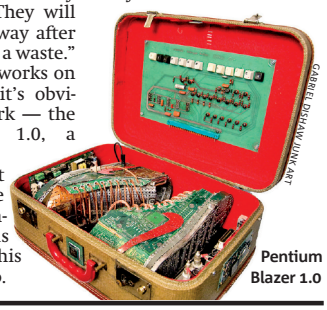
A self-confessed sneaker fan, Dishaw owns 250 pairs — Nike's are his favourite.

Dishaw's Junk Art includes scores of sculptures, from robots to clothing, made from all sorts of scrap — from glass, metal and wood to computers and typewriters.

And there is an eco-element in his work. He said: "I'm concerned about conservation. I grew up in a rural farm area, so I've always been conscientious about the environment. Americans throw away everything. They will throw a phone away after one year. It's such a waste."

Dishaw always works on inspiration, and it's obvious his latest work — the Pentium Blazer 1.0, a bizarre-looking sneaker that must rank as one of the world's most uncomfortable, is based on his favourite high top.

"I used an old typewriter which was great as when you take them apart, they are so intricate and have a lot of identical components. This way you can easily make a right side, left side and so on. "You could actually put them on — it would be painful, but they're a size 9.5."



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Longer toes may increase speed

After studying the feet of 12 sprinters and 12 non-sprinters, a researcher at British Columbia's Simon Fraser University says longer toes, as well as unique ankle structure, may give sprinters a leg up on other runners. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Ames takes final '09 event

Stephen Ames, left, ended the PGA Tour season in style, taking the Children's Miracle Network Classic in a three-man playoff. The Calgary golfer outlasted Justin Leonard and George McNeill, winning with a par on the second playoff hole. It was the fourth career PGA Tour victory for Ames, who also won this event back in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

TENNIS Toronto's Daniel Nestor and Serbian partner Nenad Zimonjic won their ninth title of the season yesterday, defeating Spaniards Marcello Granollers and Tommy Robredo 6-3, 6-4 at the Paris Masters.

SPEEDSKATING Canada won the men's 5,000-metre relay yesterday to highlight a three-medal day for Canada's short-track speedskating team at a World Cup event. Francois Hamelin of Ste-Julie, Que., Francois-Louis Tremblay of Montreal, Guillaume Bastille of Rivière-du-Loup, Que., and Olivier Jean of Lachenaie, Que., took the gold in six minutes 45.588 seconds. Hamelin also won bronze in the men's 1,000 metres while Canada's women's relay team took bronze in the 3,000 metres.

SPEEDSKATING London's Christine Nesbitt captured her third victory of the World Cup long-track season yesterday, racing to gold in the women's 1,000 metres. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Stamps outlast Esks in semi

CFL RESULTS

Edmonton 21 Calgary 24

Patience propelled the Calgary Stampeders to the CFL's West Division final.

The defending Grey Cup champions outlasted the Edmonton Eskimos 24-21 yesterday.

The Stampeders headed into the second half without a touchdown in four quarters extending back into their regular-season finale in Saskatchewan.

But then receivers Arjei Franklin and Romby Bryant scored their first touchdowns for Calgary since their trade from Winnipeg on Sept. 20 in the third and fourth quarters respectively.

Calgary earned a rematch Sunday with the Saskatchewan Riders in the West final. The Riders defeated the visiting Stamps 30-14 last week to earn the post-season bye.

"They beat us last week soundly. Here's our opportunity to go in and make wrongs aright now," Calgary quarterback Henry Burris said.

The winner of that game advances to the Grey Cup in Calgary on Nov. 29.

Elsewhere in CFL post-season, the B.C. Lions travel to Montreal to face the Alouettes in the Eastern final next Sunday. The Lions downed the host Hamilton Tiger-Cats 34-27 in overtime earlier Sunday to advance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Edmonton's Jason Goss, bottom, tackles Calgary's Joffrey Reynolds during the second half of the CFL Western semifinal yesterday. The Stamps went on to beat the Eskimos 24-21.

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Nill, Glavic know next opponents all too well

DINOS Blake Nill made himself a coaching legend during eight seasons at Saint Mary's, turning the Huskies into a national juggernaut and winning six Atlantic titles and two Vanier Cups. But he hardly expects a hero's welcome.

No, when he returns to Huskies Stadium with the Calgary Dinos on Saturday for the Uteck Bowl, he knows he'll be painted as the villain who poached star quarterback Erik Glavic from his former team and good friend Steve Sumarah.

"I'd have to venture to say I won't get a positive (welcome)," Nill said yesterday. "But I enjoy coming into hostile environments. I enjoy coming in as an underdog."

It's the matchup everyone's been waiting for, with a spot in the Vanier Cup up for grabs. Nill hasn't been back at Huskies Stadium since resigning in 2006 to take the Dinos' top job, and this past January, he ruffled the Huskies' feathers in a big way when Glavic decided to reunite with him in Calgary.

Glavic, of course, needs little introduction. In his Huskies days, he won the Hec Crighton award as national player of the year in 2007, and he's up for the prize again with the Dinos, unfazed by a knee injury that sidelined him for an entire year.

Sumarah, who coached with Nill for more than a decade, said there hasn't been much communication between the two since Glavic bolted. Nill said he still considers Sumarah a friend but said "it hasn't been the best of times, lately."

"The young man made a decision and the last time I checked, this is a free country," Nill said. MATTHEW WUEST/METRO CANADA

Erik Glavic

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Los Angeles	21	12	7	2	26
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Columbus	18	10	6	2	22
Phoenix	19	11	8	0	22
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Dallas	19	8	5	6	22
Vancouver	21	11	10	0	22
Nashville	18	9	8	1	19
Edmonton	20	8	10	2	18
St. Louis	18	6	8	4	16
Minnesota	20	7	11	2	16
Anaheim	18	6	9	3	15

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NFL

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EAST

	W	L	T	PCT
New England	6	2	0	.750
Miami	4	5	0	.444
N.Y. Jets	4	5	0	.444
Buffalo	3	6	0	.333

SOUTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Indianapolis	8	0	0	1.000
Jacksonville	5	4	0	.556
Houston	5	4	0	.556
Tennessee	3	6	0	.333

NORTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500
Cleveland	1	7	0	.125

WEST

	W	L	T	PCT
Denver	6	3	0	.667
San Diego	6	3	0	.667
Kansas City	2	7	0	.222
Oakland	2	7	0	.222

NFC

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	W	L	T	PCT
Dallas	6	3	0	.667
Philadelphia	5	4	0	.556
N.Y. Giants	5	4	0	.556
Washington	3	6	0	.333

SOUTH

	W	L	T	PCT
New Orleans	9	0	0	1.000
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556
Carolina	4	5	0	.444
Tampa Bay	1	8	0	.111

NORTH

	W	L	T	PCT
Minnesota	8	1	0	.889
Green Bay	5	4	0	.556
Chicago	4	5	0	.444
Detroit	1	8	0	.111

WEST

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Arizona	6	3	0	.667
San Francisco	4	5	0	.444
Seattle	3	6	0	.333
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New England at Indianapolis

TODAY

Baltimore at Cleveland

NBA

YESTERDAY

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Dallas 95 Detroit 90
L.A. Clippers 101 Oklahoma City 93
Houston at L.A. Lakers

TODAY

Charlotte at Orlando
Portland at Atlanta
Dallas at Milwaukee

Alberta rethinks math
Nexy year, Alberta's education department will change the way math is delivered to high school students. Students will choose between a course geared toward college or university, a course for the workforce or trades, or a basic math program that includes skills such as chequebook balancing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Motherly support

Nearly three-quarters of women in American households planning for college say it's very important for their children to obtain a college degree, a new survey from Keeping College Within Reach has found. Over half of women agreed that not paying for college would be "a failure of me as a parent." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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E-learning revolution

Canadian post-secondary institutions embracing technology

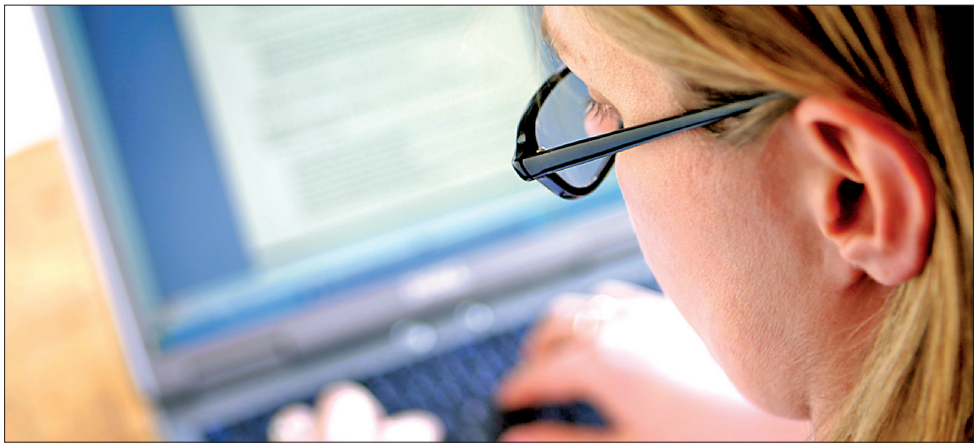
JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

A "revolution" in learning is what the Laurier School of Business and Economics is promising from its new partnership with Research In Motion in the latest reach of a decades-old drive to put the "e" in education.

Hugh Munro heads Laurier's MBA program and says bringing BlackBerries into the classroom will take the classroom everywhere.

"It's the beginning of a journey for us," he says. "(We're) looking at how we can take advantage of the enabling capabilities of technology and change the way we structure and deliver curriculum … We can bring the outside into the classroom and also make the outside an ongoing classroom."

Halifax's Mount Saint Vincent University is another post-secondary institution that has embraced the idea of e-learning, only they've been mobilizing education for almost 30 years now. It started with TV shows on a local station and added the cutting-edge technology of video tapes mailed to students. Its distance-learning program is now on digital cable and DVDs and half of such courses are fully online.



Whether its with a smartphone or just over the computer, e-learning is here to stay in Canada.

Peggy Watts, head of MSVU's distance learning, says by using programs like Moodle and Elluminate Live, the university can create a virtual classroom that allows students to chat with professors, give presentations in front of the class, watch videos and use programs like Excel, even if they don't have Excel.

"Within the White Board (of Elluminate), an instructor can take control of a student's desktop and show them something on their own desktop," she adds.

"If our learning environment mirrors the kind of challenges and opportunities they're going to face in the real world, then it's a good thing."
Laurier's MBA program head, Hugh Monroe

Watts says the main users of e-learning at MSVU are in Nova Scotia, but chose the remote approach to give flexibility to their schedules and avoid commuting.

Back at Laurier, students and faculty will use their smartphones for voice, text and email applications as well as video, voice notes and pictures. Faculty will push content to their students' smartphones and will have access to metrics to gauge which content is being used in the pilot involving 100 students.

Munro is confident the "hybrid" model of classroom and e-learning is the way of the future. Business has gone mobile and education should follow, he says. "If our learning environment mirrors the kind of challenges and opportunities they're going to face in the real world, then it's a good thing."

RIM, which is headquartered in Waterloo, is giving students a deal on the BlackBerries and Rogers is providing the connection at a small fraction of the usual cost, Munro adds.

Workology in brief

INTERNATIONAL SATISFACTION Although almost half of international students studying at Canadian post-secondary institutions admit Canada was not their top choice among study-abroad options, nine out of 10 students would recommend the country as a study destination, according to survey results presented by the Canadian Bureau for International Education at its annual conference this week. The vast majority of students surveyed reported high satisfaction with their choice of school, and praised resources such as libraries and computer facilities. One criticism was that Canadian PSE was too expensive.

U.S. GRAD ENROLMENT STEADY According to a new study from the U.S.-based Council of Graduate Schools, the number of foreign first-time students at American graduate schools is flat this year, following four consecutive years of growth. Enrolments of graduate students from China continue to surge, and gains from the Middle East and Turkey are much larger than they have been in recent years. Meanwhile, figures from India and South Korea are down. The council's director of research and policy analysis cites competition as one reason some nations are sending fewer grad students to the Unied States.

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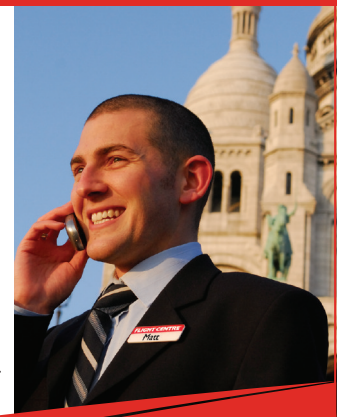

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Workology in brief

THE ODDEST REQUESTS YOU EVER DID HEAR... Hiring managers nationwide took some time to bring levity to the workplace in a new CareerBuilder survey. More than 2,900 shared the most memorable requests or recommendations they have received in the office suggestion box. Responses included:

- Request to allow people to change clothes in their cubicles.
- Request to add a tanning bed to the break room.
- Request to put beer in the vending machine.
- Request that jail time be covered under family medical leave.
- Request to institute bikini Fridays.
- Request to only be required to work during daylight hours because employee is scared of the dark.
- Request for a special smoking area for medical marijuana.
- Request that the HR person wear nicer shoes.
- Request to replace his desk with a futon so employee could lay down and work.
- Request to install a swimming pool for employees to use.
- Request that the lactation room with gliding chair be used for naps, so everyone can use it.

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Its not about the coffee — its about the people

BookReview

It's Not About The Coffee

Author: Howard Behar
Publisher: Portfolio
Price: $18.50

There can be no coffee without people. In the case of Starbucks Coffee, past president Howard Behar, elaborates that when it comes to business its the people who serve your coffee, all the way to the origin of the bean... the growers that make or break you. "If your people are better human beings, they'll be better partners of the company" says Behar.

Behar's book takes a look at the 10 principles that helped shaped Starbucks into the company it is today ... but none of these principles are about coffee.

The majority of his principles focus on decision making and accountability.

Are you making decisions based on the best insights? Are you doing the right things for the right reasons? And ultimately, is the right person in charge. Behar presents a very human approach to building a business that still to this day wins the company a loyal customer and employee base. Common sense, but every now and then a refresher on these concepts is in order. People relations 101.

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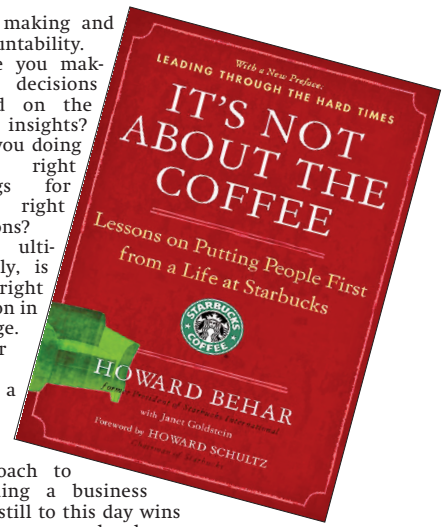

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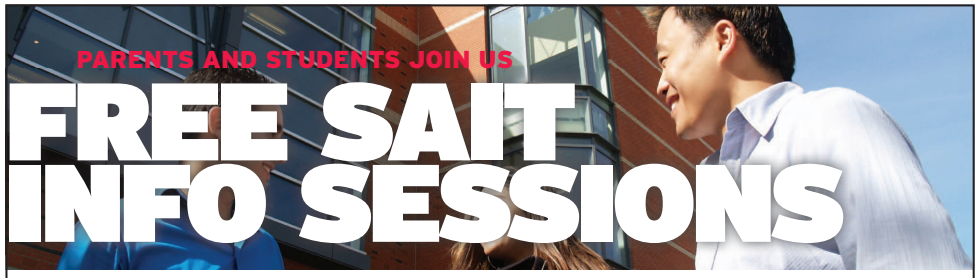

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No bones about it, a whale of a job

OddJobs

Diane Peters

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Few people will ever see a great blue whale, as the largest animal in the world is endangered.

But Michael deRoos has spent every day for the last eighteen months working on the bones of one of these massive creatures.

Last spring, he helped dig the mammal's carcass out of the ground in P.E.I. Now, he's nearing completion of a whale of a task: Reassembling the skeleton for display at the soon-to-be-opened Beaty Biodiversity Museum at the University of British Columbia.

DeRoos, 30, began his work with skeletons by chance in 2000. He was completing his degree in biology at the University of Victoria — he thought he might become a vet — when he took a six-week intensive course at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre.

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Skeleton articulator Michael deRoos is currently putting together a blue whale skeleton.

For his project for the course, he decided to assemble a skeleton. The centre had a sea otter, so deRoos used the skills he'd learned at his father's general contractor business and put in 12-hour days working with bones.

His professor clearly liked the result. Two years later, she recommended him for a job at the new Johnstone Strait Killer Whale Interpretive Centre.

DeRoos help finish construction on the centre and began working with its large collection of bones. By his second year there, he was tackling a 60-foot fin whale.

In 2005, a professor from UBC asked deRoos to assemble a killer whale. He's been freelancing for the school ever since.

"Each one I've done gets a little better than the last one," says deRoos. He began making his skeletons more active; showing the animal jumping or feeding.

He starts each project by cleaning off the bones. He boils the carcass, then either puts the bones in the ocean in a fishing net or buries them in horse manure. Eight months later, the bones are clean and just need a treatment with bleach or some time in the sun.

In the meantime, he's designing his skeleton. He uses pictures and video images of the live creature to see how it's put together and how it moves.

To rebuild the animal, deRoos creates a steel frame. He affixes bones to the steel by drilling small holes in the bones, or gluing them. He hires a sculptor to recreate any bones that have been lost (it's inevitable) and an artist to paint over any damage he's done to the bones.

Then it's the fun part: Putting it all together, and hearing everyone's comments.

The Lowdown

Job title: Skeleton articulator
Salary: As much as $70,000
Education/training: Degree in biology or related science
Best Part of the Job: "Standing back and watching a group of school kids come in and seeing their eyes go wide and say, 'This is so cool, is this a dinosaur?'"
Worst Part of the Job: "Dealing with rotting carcasses. After we dug up the blue whale, I had to burn my clothes they smelled so bad."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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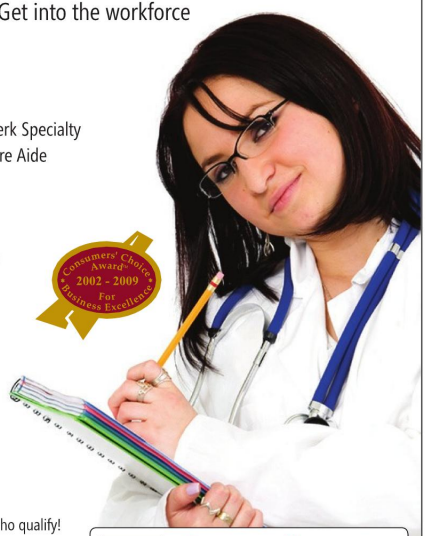

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Who's playing at halftime?

The Who are likely to be the headliner at next year's Super Bowl halftime show, a source tells Sports Illustrated. But as certain as the source may be, the NFL isn't confirming anything about entertainment at the Feb. 7 event. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Entertainment

Jon hits back

Jon Gosselin has filed a $5 million US lawsuit against TLC, claiming its representatives interfered with potential business opportunities. The suit is a counterclaim to the one TLC filed against Gosselin for breach of contract. TVGUIDE.COM

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GETTY IMAGES

Cindy Crawford

House searched in connection with alleged Crawford extortion plan

INVESTIGATION German police said yesterday they had searched a home in connection with an alleged extortion scheme targeting former supermodel Cindy Crawford and her family.

U.S. authorities had said Thursday that a German man had been charged in the U.S. with trying to extort $100,000 US from Crawford and her entrepreneur husband Rande Gerber over a photo of their daughter, then aged seven, bound to a chair and gagged.

He was accused of threatening to sell or release the photo to the media.The daughter told her parents, who were unaware of the photo, that her former nanny took the picture as part of a "cops and robbers" game, according to an affidavit.

U.S. authorities say the suspect, 26-year-old Edis Kayalar, was taken into federal custody in the U.S. for an immigration violation three months ago and deported to Germany.

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A remarkable body of work

While rumours swirled, Taylor Lautner hit the gym

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Taylor Lautner wants to clear something up: He has no problem with going shirtless on screen.

"One thing that I have heard recently, which is not true and I didn't say, was that I will never take my shirt off for a movie again," says the 17-year-old actor, whose abs and pecs have been under an unprecedented amount of scrutiny since he packed on 30 pounds of muscle for New Moon, the second film in the Twilight series.

"I didn't say that," he insists. "If the character requires it, I will."

That's good to know, since with the rabid fan response to early shots of a shirtless Lautner in New Moon, he'll probably be asked to appear that way a lot. Of course, before getting to this point, Lautner had to prove to the powers behind the hugely successful franchise that the cute little guy who played Jacob Black in the first film could transform as his character does for the sequel.

The Twilight Saga: New Moon hits theatres on Friday

And while there was a lot of talk in the press that the producers were looking to replace him, Lautner said he had to ignore all of that.

"Honestly, I knew where my character went in New Moon, and that's all I tried to stay focused on," he says. "I couldn't control things outside, I couldn't control the media. But I could control what I was doing to portray Jacob Black correctly, so that's what I stayed focused on the whole entire time."

That focus paid off, as is evidenced by his gym-toned physique, plastered over New Moon ads and the cover of Mens Health. But Lautner claims the hard part wasn't hitting the gym.

"The most important thing was the eating side," he says. "Everybody thinks it was the actual getting in the gym, but that was easy. I was motivated. But the eating was pretty hard. We found out that I had to consume at least 3,200 calories a day just to maintain, and I was trying to gain."

That meant stopping to eat every two hours or so, regardless of where his busy schedule took him, and carrying around bags of high-protein food, sometimes pausing mid-meeting to wolf down a couple of burger patties.

But Lautner insists it was all part of the job. "A year from now, if I love a character and I love a story that requires me to lose 40 pounds, I'm ready to do it," he says.

Still, all the attention he's been getting must be distracting, right?

"I don't think there's any way to prepare yourself for this phenomenon," he says. "None of us expected it when we were filming Twilight. I don't think there's a way to ever get used to it. It's not normal to drive down a street and see your face up on a billboard. But it's Twilight. It comes with the job."

As for all the tabloid attention, he does his best to keep a level head about it. "I try and stay away from what's been written about me, because if (you) let that stuff get to you and it's not true, it can drive you crazy," he says.

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Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner star in The Twilight Saga: New Moon.

VideoOnline

Meet Jacob Black in a video featurette on New Moon's lead werewolf at metronews.ca.

What a doll

Back in August, Bella and Edward from the Twilight saga were immortalized as Barbie dolls. Now, fans will be able to add Jacob to their collection, people.com is reporting. The new doll, modeled after Taylor Lautner's boy-turned-werewolf character, Jacob, features cut-off denim shorts, a mysterious gaze, and the super-toned abs that have gained attention onscreen and off, the website reports. It's available in February for $24.95 U.S. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cuthbert as parade marshal
A Hollywood actress best known for her role as Jack Bauer's daughter in the hit television show 24 will lead the Grey Cup parade through the streets of Calgary Nov. 28. Elisha Cuthbert, 26, will act as the parade marshal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Style bloggers changing online show and tell

Socialite

Rea McNamara

Read her blog at metronews.ca/socialite

During the spring/summer 2010 ready-to-wear shows, the biggest trend wasn't the micro mini or the transparent blouse — it was the style blogger.

"Previously fashion was so alien and so hierarchical," explains street-style photographer Scott (The Sartorialist) Schuman in last weekend's Financial Times feature. "Bloggers show the average person that they too can be part of it."

But fashion bloggers are only part of the story: More and more, websites and bloggers are changing online show and tell. No longer is watching ourselves-and-each-other a narcisistic compulsion. We are becoming more visual in our tastes, and increasingly determining fashion trends online.

Take Tavi Gevinson, the 13-year-old style blogger who's been called in that same Financial Times piece a "phenomenon." While her runway commentaries are insightful and her squee-ish love for certain designers is endearing, it's the what-I-wear outfit postings on her Style Rookie blog that garnered her that September cover for British style magazine Pop.

Sure, Gevinson's just playing dress up — but she isn't alone in her bedroom doing it. She's posting it on her blog, and sharing it with others.

I first discovered Gevinson last year on Lookbook.nu, "a simple digg-type platform where Gen Yers around the world are posting their fashion creations and getting rated by their peers" (Business Weeks' words, not mine).

The viral capability of Lookbook.nu (and other outfit-sharing networks like Chictopia and Weardrobe) removes the middle man, offering something print fashion magazines still find challenging: Bringing fashion from the runway to the real-world.

Websites Polyvore and Looklet allow fashion-forward people the chance to mix and match outfits by dragging and dropping images of clothing into their own fashion spreads and onto virtual models.

Polyvore and Looklet are fast garnering advertisers because they're re-defining e-commerce: We're no longer pleased to just zoom into the clothing, we want to style and share it, and then maybe buy it. In a profile on Polyvore, the New York Times reported how the site's unique user traffic was 25 per cent more than Vogue's Style.com.

So brands have jumped the wagon: Earlier this year, American Apparel featured Karla Deras, a popular outfit blogger on Chictopia, in an ad campaign for their California Selects vintage collection

And Gevinson? Well, she posted an outfit inspired by the '60s cult film Harold & Maude. When upstart label Rodarte revealed its upcoming Target collection, the press reported how some of the pieces were inspired by the film. (Gevinson's followers weren't surprised: she's Rodarte muse, and helped them with the collection).

Rea McNamara writes about the on/offline statuses of niches and subcultures. Follow her on Twitter @reeraw

Left: Tavi Gevinson attends the Alexander Wang spring 2010 fashion show at Pier 94 on Sept. 12 in New York City.

App-itude: What to wear

- Every morning it's the same question: What to wear? StyleCaster's free Daily Looks App takes its personalized style content to the iPhone by recommending 360 degree-turning, HD-quality outfit inspirations based on your current locale and weather conditions.

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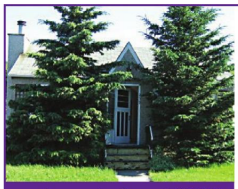

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Should I Consider Moving To Get A Better Rate?

Probably not. If you are like most people, picking up and moving to another neighbourhood in hopes of saving money on your car insurance is likely not an option. And the truth is, even if you did move, there's no guarantee you'd get a lower rate, since each insurance company sets its rates independently and can change them up to 4 times per year according to a wide variety of factors of which your location is only one.

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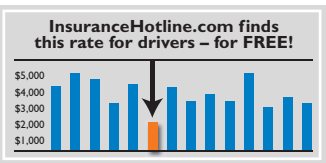

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Death and after-death in Iceland

Hypothermia

Author: Arnaldur Indridason
Publisher: Random House Canada
Price: $32 (Hardcover)

Detective Erlendur returns to investigate a murder in Hypothermia, which is Icelandic literary star Arnaldur Indridason's eighth installment in the Reykjavik Murder Mystery series. The detective's latest case involves the demise of Maria, a woman found hanged to death in a cabin near a Reykjavik lake. Dismissing suicide, Erlendur delves into the woman's history, discovering her interest in the afterlife following the death of her parents at a young age. At the same time, Erlender is dogged by the unresolved disappearance of two young locals, as well as by his own jagged past and present.

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle

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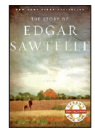

There's something rotten in the state of Wisconsin in this latter-day interpretation of Hamlet by first-time novelist Davie Wroblewski. Edgar Sawtelle may have been born without the ability to speak, but its his observations that propel his tragic tale. Raised on a dog breeding and training farm, Edgar has found that canines really are man's best friend. After watching his father die, he suspects foul play; but revenge gone wrong leads him to escape on a journey into the backwoods with a trio of dogs. His evasion is short-lived, as he must decide whether to keep running or return to face the consequences.

BookPicks

A Touch of Dead

Author: Charlaine Harris
Publisher: Ace Books
Price: $30 (Hardcover)

In A Touch of Dead, Charlaine Harris compiles the first-ever collection of previously published short stories starring clairvoyant waitress Sookie Stackhouse of The Southern Vampire Series. The blood-sucking storyline that inspired HBO series True Blood sees Sookie's psychic ability put to use to solve murder and crime with supernatural connections. In Dracula Night, Sookie must come to the rescue at a birthday party for Dracula when an imposter tries to pass himself off as the Prince of Darkness; while in One Word Answer, Sookie finds her cousin's death wasn't her first end, thus revealing her vampire identity.

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NASA throws jeers at 2012 for bad science

NASA is trying to dispel some rumours that have been going around surrounding the new doomsday movie 2012. Its website tells movie viewers nothing bad is going to happen to Earth on Dec. 21, 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flashpoint wins 3 at gala

Gemini award winners praise Canadian talent, values

Producers of the cross-border hit Flashpoint held it up as an example of what Canadian television is capable of as the slick CTV cop drama took home three Gemini Awards on Saturday, including best drama.

Canadians can be less than supportive when it comes to watching homegrown shows on the small screen.

But executive producer Bill Mustos said there's actually a lot to be proud of, and other countries are taking notice.

"I think Flashpoint has moved things into a new direction and now American networks are looking across the border and seeing that there is actually tremendous talent in (Canada)," he said just after winning the final award of the broadcast gala. "That's an exciting kind of new sea change for our country.''

Of course, not every Canadian show is a hit. The quirky country-music show Three Chords from the Truth won for best comedy ensemble performance despite being cancelled after only 10 episodes.

"There's nothing better than being recognized by your peers,'' star Phyllis Ellis said as she accepted her Gemini.

"Except for maybe a second season."

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Being Erica's Erin Karpluk celebrates her trophy for Best Performance by an Actress in a Continuing Leading Dramatic Role.

CBC's Rick Mercer Report took the award for best comedy, while George Stroumboulopoulos was honoured as best talk show host for a second year running.

Stroumboulopoulos said his show is attracting interest from other countries because it reflects Canadian values.

"To be able to make television in the country that you love and the country that you want to make television in, man, that is a gift," he said.

Flashpoint star Enrico Colantoni, who won best actor, was lured back to his hometown of Toronto for the series after working for nearly 25 years in the U.S. on shows such as Just Shoot Me and Veronica Mars.

He called it "a wonderful way to come home.''

The drama about a S.W.A.T. team in Toronto also won three awards at a pre-show ceremony and nabbed best director trophy for Kelly Makin.

Colantoni's co-star and fellow best actor nominee Hugh Dillon also won an award for best supporting actor for the TV movie Of Murder and Mystery.

Citytv's dark comedy Less Than Kind was left without a single trophy despite leading the sitcom nominations with nine nods.

The sexy period drama The Tudors was also shut out at Saturday's broadcast awards after earning 11 nominations overall. It had already won four trophies in separate ceremonies held last month.

After traditionally being held in Toronto, the awards have moved about the country in recent years.

The gala in Calgary marked the first time the awards were handed out in Alberta.

The location no doubt made it special for Albertan Erin Karpluk, who took best dramatic actress for her lead role in the time-travelling show Being Erica.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taped Oscars shun spotlight

AWARDS Without the burden of a live worldwide broadcast, members of the film academy threw themselves a lively yet relaxed dinner party to honour the first Oscar winners of the season.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences broke with tradition and presented its honorary Oscars off-camera Saturday night, months ahead of the televised ceremony in March.

Actress Lauren Bacall, B-movie king Roger Corman and Godfather cinematographer Gordon Willis each received Oscar statuettes during the black-tie banquet at the Grand Ballroom above the Kodak Theatre, the same room where the annual post-Academy Awards Governors Ball is held.

In addition, producer John Calley was honoured with the Irving J. Thalberg Memorial Award, recognizing career accomplishments that include Catch-22, The Remains of the Day and The Da Vinci Code.

Each of the recipients was chosen by the academy's Board of Governors.

Tom Hanks, Jack Nicholson, Annette Bening, Morgan Freeman and Steven Spielberg were among the 600 invited guests at the inaugural Governors Awards event.

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Roger Corman honoured.

"We're gathered here together, all artists, celebrating excellence without any television cameras – isn't it great?" said veteran producer Norman Jewison.

Corman, 83, was lauded for being a champion of independent and efficient filmmaking and for promoting women to positions of leadership long before it was popular.

Quentin Tarantino said the man behind films such as Bloody Mama and X: The Man With the X-Ray Eyes, inspired him to become a filmmaker.

Though not televised, the Governors Awards were taped and portions will be shown during the 82nd annual Academy Awards on March 7, 2010.

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Gemini winners

Here are some of the best in Canadian television:

- Best dramatic series: Flashpoint.
- Best comedy program or series: Rick Mercer Report.
- Best dramatic miniseries: Burn Up.
- Best reality program or series: Dragon's Den.
- Best talk show host: George Stroumboulopoulos, The Hour.
- Best news anchor: Diana Swain, CBC News at Six.
- Best performance by an actor in a continuing lead dramatic role: Enrico Colantoni, Flashpoint.
- Best performance by an actor in a leading role in a drama or miniseries: David Suchet, Diverted.
- Best performance by an actress in a leading role in a drama or miniseries: Erin Karpluk, Being Erica.
- Best performance by an actress in a lead role in a drama or miniseries: Christine Ghawi, Celine.
- Best variety program host: Leah Miller, So You Think You Can Dance Canada.

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to The Associated Press:

1. **2012:** $65 million US
2. **A Christmas Carol:** $22.3 million
3. **The Men Who Stare At Goats:** $6.2 million
4. **Precious:** $6.1 million
5. **Michael Jackson's This Is It:** $5.1 million
6. **The Fourth Kind:** $4.7 million
7. **Couples Retreat:** $4.3 million
8. **Paranormal Activity:** $4.2 million
9. **Law Abiding Citizen:** $3.9 million
10. **The Box:** $3.2 million

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Comcast prepares to take control of NBC

Eight decades after pioneering the concept of broadcasting, NBC is on the verge of a startling move that illustrates broadcast television's decline.

Cable TV operator Comcast Corp. is expected to buy a controlling stake in NBC Universal, perhaps as early as next week, bringing the network of Johnny Carson, Jerry Seinfeld, Bob Hope, Milton Berle and Tom Brokaw under the corporate control of the company that owns the Golf Channel and E! Entertainment Television.

"This is highly symbolic," said Tim Brooks, who worked at NBC for 20 years and now writes books on television history.

Starting Sunday, Vivendi SA has an option to sell its 20 per cent stake in NBC Universal. Majority owner General Electric Co. is expected to buy it and then sell a 51 per cent stake of the entire NBC Universal unit to Comcast, which serves about a quarter of the nation's subscription TV households.

In this 1976 file photo, Barbara Walters and former NBC Today show host Hugh Downs are seen during sunnier times in NBC history. Eight decades after pioneering the concept of broadcasting, NBC is on the verge of a being taken over by cable giant, Comcast.

Broadcast people, the folks who remember when television was ABC, CBS, NBC and little else, used to look down upon cable.

The idea of broadcast TV was implied in the name; the networks tried to reach the broadest possible audience. For cable it's important to do something specific and do it well, and the audience need not be as large.

NBC Universal Chief Executive Jeff Zucker recognizes this. Cable properties such as USA, SyFy, CNBC and The Weather Channel mean more to NBC Universal's bottom line than staggering NBC, fourth place in the ratings.

And those cable properties — more than the flagship "Peacock" network — were the draw for Comcast. By owning more content, Comcast further hedges its bets as mainly a distributor of shows in case viewers ditch their cable TV subscriptions and migrate to the Internet, mobile devices or a platform that has yet to emerge. The company could charge for the shows or sell ads wherever the viewers are.

In a sense, NBC would become a pioneer again, as it seeks to stay relevant amid intensifying audience fragmentation. But still this could be considered bittersweet at best to some.

"Without NBC, there wouldn't be broadcasting as we know it," said Walter J. Podrazik, a curator at the Museum of Broadcast Communications.

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	245	306 6 CBRT	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Battle of the Blades (N)		Just for Laughs (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
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	617	522 32 SHOW	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		Destination: Infestation (2007, Suspense)				Bones
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	627	528 46 SPACE	Fire Serpent (2007, Science Fiction) Nicholas Brendon.				Sanctuary	Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Next Gener.	
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critics' corner

Trauma
A high-speed boat collision interrupts a wedding celebration at sea, where things get lost in translation as the team tries to help the injured. Nancy takes time to reconnect with her family. Marisa comes to the aid of those close to her. Derek Luke, Kevin Rankin, Taylor Kinney and Cliff Curtis also star in the new episode "M'Aidez." 10 PM on CKAL KHQ

Battle of the Blades
The votes are in, and tonight we'll find out which odd-couple team of a champion figure skater and a hockey player is Canada's favorite. But expect some special surprises in the hourlong season finale before the big announcement. Ron MacLean and Kurt Browning co-host the festivities. 8 PM on CBRT

Heroes
Samuel discovers how powerful he can become and goes to dangerous lengths to reach his full potential. Tracy (Ali Larter) starts to lose control of her ability just as someone close comes in harm's way. Matt and Sylar's battle continues. Jack Coleman, Hayden Panettiere and Adrian Pasdar also star in the new episode "Brother's Keeper." 8 PM on CICT: 9 PM on KHQ

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Lamas gets arrested
Shayne Lamas was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving in Venice, Calif., around 1 a.m. Saturday morning. "I take full responsibility for my lack of judgment," said Lamas, who is due in court Dec. 9, to E! News. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Did Jolie plant Aniston stories?

THE ORIGINAL MEAN GIRL Is Jolie the worst Mean Girl of them all — and is Brad Pitt's ex-wife Jennifer Aniston her most-wounded victim?

Brangelina: The Untold Story of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie reports that Jolie, 34, waged "a mean-spirited but effective campaign" against Aniston around the time that Pitt divorced her to be with Jolie, usmagazine.com reports.

The new Us Weekly has the exclusive first look at what's really inside the shocking new tell-all — and reveals the truth behind some of the alleged bombshells.

Author Ian Halperin asserts in his book that Jolie and her camp (including her manager Geyer Kosinski and brother James Haven) planted press stories in 2005 that painted Aniston in a negative light. Specifically? That Aniston firmly prioritized her career over starting a family — which put her directly at odds with Pitt, who ached for kids.

Jolie, Halperin writes, "was convinced that this is the story that would resonate with all these women who saw her as a man-stealing bitch."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity tweets

Jessica Simpson is influenced by her surroundings, Snoop Dogg heads to the Playboy Mansion, Al Roker doesn't feel like talking to Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag knows how to make a Saturday night special.

• @JessicaSimpson
WOW!! Children make me a child again. So interesting.

• @snoopdogg
oowee luv them playboy bunnies!! Kiccn it with hugh right now.. This cat a real true pimp.. Ya heard

• @alroker
Programming update. No Heidi/Spenser interview. We wish them well on their book tour

• @heidimontag
shooting at the gun range!

METRO WORLD NEWS

Brown follows Rihanna's lead

GOING PUBLIC Chris Brown is following Rihanna's lead and hitting TV shows to discuss his assault conviction. "At the end of the day, I'm human. I can't make everybody love me, but I can just try. And I can honestly say that I'm sorry," Brown, who says he's "embarrassed" by what happened, tells BET's 106 and Park program.

METRO WORLD NEWS

It's all an act: Fox

ALWAYS ACTING? Megan Fox is just fine with all the attention she gets, since it's all an act, she claims to the New York Times. "I'm not willing to give my true self up," the 23-year-old Transformers star says. "You have to be put in a box in this industry so they can sell you."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Rodriguez to propose?

MARRIAGE SPECULATION With the World Series under his belt, Alex Rodriguez is reportedly ready to take on his next challenge: proposing to girlfriend Kate Hudson.

"He's been talking about proposing quite a bit lately," a source tells OK! magazine.

"He wants to think of a creative and cute way to pop the question." And the couple, who have been inseparable for months, have even been joking around about tying the knot. "Kate loves to say, 'I don't look like a Rodriguez — you'll have to take my name,'" the source says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Kourtney baby shower

ALL IN THE FAMILY It was all about adding to the Kardashian clan Saturday as nearly 80 guests joined Kris Jenner and her daughters Kim, Khloe, Kylie and Kendall to host a baby shower for Kourtney, people.com reports.

The first-time mom-to-be, 30, is due in December, with boyfriend Scott Disick's baby.

"It was a huge success," a source tells People of the shower, which began at noon and was organized by Los Angeles-based event planner Sharon Sacks, at the family's home in Hidden Hills, Calif.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Psychic inspires O'Donnell to reveal break-up details

PUPPY LOVE Rosie O'Donnell may have said last month that she was done commenting on breakup rumours dogging her relationship with her partner of five years, Kelli Carpenter, but that changed Friday, people.com reports.

On her Sirius Satellite radio show, O'Donnell suddenly admitted Carpenter had moved out of their home two years ago. The reason for the big reveal? A pressing psychic and a long-haired chihuahua.

"Where did you get her from Rosie? Because she says she came from somewhere. And she said she's happier with you," pet psychic Sonya Fitzpatrick said of O'Donnell's dog Misty. "She's so spoiled and she loves to burrow."

O'Donnell confirmed: "She does! She burrows in the bed right next to me."

And, when asked who "sometimes looks after her," O'Donnell explained her four children all fight over caring for the pup. "What happened (was) when Kelli moved out two years ago, I got the dog. Because I wanted another child or something to love. And I got the dog."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lack of special treatment leads to Lohan meltdown

SPOILED LITTLE RICH GIRL Lindsay Lohan isn't getting the same treatment from bars and clubs she did when she was at the height of her fame, and she's reportedly none too thrilled about it, if a recent episode at Crown Bar in West Hollywood is any indication.

"Lindsay stormed into the kitchen and grabbed two bottles of really expensive champagne. She finished both bottles with a friend. When the bartender gave her a bill, she had a meltdown," a source says, according to Hollyscoop. "She was yelling at him and screaming profanities at everyone. The bar insisted she pay, so she had to call a friend with her credit-card information."

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BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Today Mostly sunny. 12 C / -2 C

Tuesday Sunny. 14 C / -1 C

Wednesday High-level clouds. 3 C / -3 C

Take Five

Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist — Breakfast Television
"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta."
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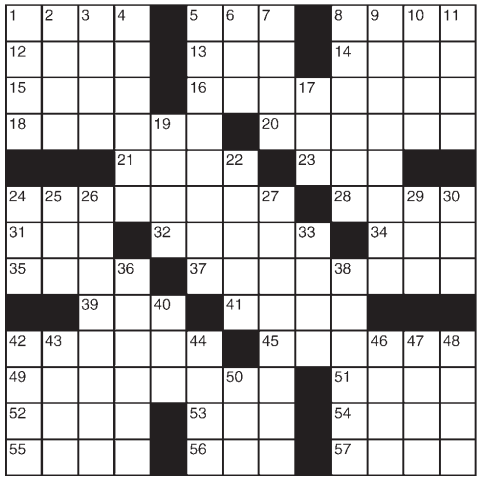

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1 Trade blows
5 Light application
8 Slays, syndicate-style
12 Perspiration vent
13 Gorilla
14 Highland hillside
15 Verve
16 Lack of restrictions
18 Strong greenish blue
20 Pal
21 Restaurant list
23 CSA soldier
24 Impassioned
28 Pleasant
31 Judge Lance
32 Japanese, e.g.
34 Scoot
35 Pinnacle
37 Left to fend for oneself
39 Listener
41 Rim
42 Hitchcock or Nobel
45 One offering securities
49 Elsa's tale
51 Salver
52 Duel tool
53 Em halves
54 Being (Latin)
55 Ogler's look
56 Drenched
57 Week components

DOWN

1 Detail, for short
2 Game played on horseback
3 Bedouin
4 Change the title
5 Insanity
6 Springtime mo.
7 Surf-and-turf part
8 Leno's successor
9 Lynyrd Skynyrd classic
10 Willing, old-style
11 Transmit
17 Bobble
19 Golf legend Tony
22 Join together
24 By way of
25 And so forth (Abbr.)
26 Out of harm's way
27 Last to miss the deadline
29 Prompt
30 Conclude
33 Gripes repeatedly
36 Breadwinner
38 Fit inside one another
40 Sports arbiter
42 Cain's victim
43 Bound along
44 Sketched
46 — Minor (constellation)
47 Simple
48 Deli loaves
50 Away from WSW

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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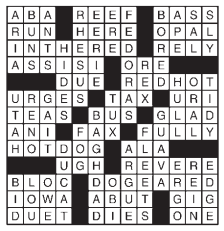
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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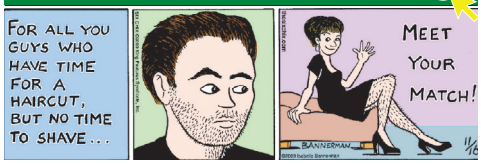

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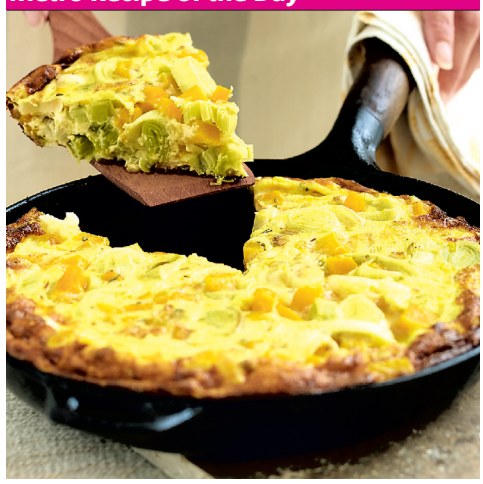

Country Frittata

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
3 leeks, sliced into rings
1/2 butternut squash, peeled and cut into small cubes
2 tbsp (25 ml) pine nuts
8 eggs
1/2 cup (125 ml) 10% cream
3 tbsp (45 ml) grated Parmesan cheese
2 fresh sage leaves or small bunch of fresh chives, about 3/4 oz (20 g), chopped

METHOD:

1. Heat olive oil in heavy cast-iron or nonstick frying pan (10-12 in./25-30 cm diameter) that can be used safely under broiler (wrap wooden handle with foil).
2. Add leeks and squash to pan and stir well. Cook over medium heat for 10 minutes or until just soft, stirring frequently. Stir in pine nuts.
3. While vegetables are cooking, break eggs into large bowl. Add cream, Parmesan and herbs. Season and mix thoroughly with fork. Stir in cooked vegetables, then tip mixture back into pan.
4. Turn down heat and cook gently 4-5 minutes or until almost set. Meanwhile, preheat broiler to high.
5. Slide pan under broiler and cook frittata 2-3 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Eat hot or warm, cut into wedges.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Sometimes your views, especially about material matters, have been a bit too rigid in the past. But now you can see there are more important things.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A new moon in your opposite sign means you can't have things all your own way, but why would you want to?

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You need help occasionally like everyone else, and now is the time to ask for it — especially if you find yourself being left behind on the work front.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your self-belief may have taken a dive in recent days but the new moon in your fellow water sign of Scorpio will bring your confidence flooding back.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You no doubt feel sorry for someone whose luck has deserted them, but keep your distance and don't get personally involved.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Today's new moon will make you more outgoing than usual. That's good, because increased social contact could lead you to useful information.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Something will happen today that makes you feel a whole lot better about your long-term prospects — emotional, professional and even financial.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
What happens today, tomorrow and in the run-up to the Sun's change of signs on Nov. 22 will make you realize that life is good and getting better.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You'll be asked to help a friend in need today and you won't think twice. But make it clear that you expect them to look after themselves in the future.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will leave an important task to the last possible moment today, but that's OK, because you thrive on that sort of pressure.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
No matter how many times you may have fallen short in the past, you will succeed now. Your ambitions will be intensified by today's new moon.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
The only reason some people don't want you to do anything out of the ordinary today is because they are worried it will make them look bad.

This day in history

1384: Jadwiga is crowned King of Poland, although she is a woman.
1885: Métis leader Louis Riel is executed for treason after leading the Northwest Rebellion.
1938: LSD is first synthesized by Swiss chemist Dr. Albert Hofmann.
1940: In occupied Poland, the Nazis close off the Warsaw Ghetto from the outside world.
1997: After nearly 18 years of incarceration, the People's Republic of China releases Wei Jingsheng, a pro-democracy dissident, from jail for medical reasons.

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